

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending, with claims 1 and 22 being independent. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Section 101 Rejections

Claims 1-28 stand rejected for allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101. In particular, the Examiner alleged that claims 1-28 read on an abstract idea and that claims 22-26 and 28 merely describe a propagated signal.

The applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertions but have nonetheless amended claims 1 and 22 to expedite prosecution. Claim 1 now additionally recites the step of creating a raster representation of the transformed graphical element based on the processing. Claim 22 also recites this step and, additionally, specifies a tangible computer readable medium.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 22, and their dependents, are in condition for allowance.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on October 11, 2006. The applicants kindly request that Examiner initial and return the corresponding 1449 form.


Conclusion

By responding in the foregoing remarks only to particular positions taken by the examiner, the Applicant does not acquiesce with other positions that have not been explicitly addressed. In addition, the Applicant's arguments for the patentability of a claim should not be understood as implying that no other reasons for the patentability of that claim exist.

The Applicant respectfully requests that all pending claims be allowed. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 14, 2006



Daniel J. Burns
Reg. No. 50,222

Customer No. 21876
Fish & Richardson P.C.
Telephone: (650) 839-5070
Facsimile: (650) 839-5071